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For County Attorney—A. M. MORRISSEY.  
For Commissioner of First District:  
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A. M. Morrissey, fusion candidate for county attorney, will get the support of the people who appreciate a man of honesty and integrity in business as well as in his official capacity. A man who has the courage to fight the battles of the county at the cost of his personal friendship. A man who sacrifices his personal matters that the county may not suffer. Who when called upon for his opinion would give it honestly and conscientiously, though it may work to his disadvantage politically. A man who is staunch and true to his trust and wavers not who has saved the county hundreds of dollars by his undaunted courage to do what was right. Will you, voter, suffer defeat on the 6th of November? Every voter should rally as one man and cast a solid vote in appreciation and let the watchword be, "Honesty and integrity! We'll vote for Morrissey!"

The prosperity-howling, republican wind-jammers and woe-looking country redeeming air threshers, who claim to be in partnership with high heaven with a mission—to replenish their own pocket books—are leaving their fane office duties to get out to all the corners, cross roads and by ways to educate the "copperheads and traitors." Well, their bread and butter depends upon it. They are officials, you know, and can't earn a living like working people, so they'll go around just to tell you, that we're all having good times. So we are. All of us who have a good fat office with little to do. It would be a look much better of these pie-counter republicans that never made a success of anything except getting their feet under the political pie counter to be a little more modest.

Senator John M. Thurston is billed to speak in this village Monday night. This is the gentleman who represents the people of Nebraska at the nation's capitol, and is also the paid attorney of the mightiest trust in the world—The Standard Oil Trust. There is an old adage which goes—"One man cannot serve two masters." This being a fact beyond dispute, which master is John M. serving—the people or the trust? You can rest assured that the trust's interests are looked after first, last and all the time. Come out, intelligent voter, and hear the man who is fighting the people of his own state, who, at this time in the high place he now occupies, is in the interests of the Standard Oil Trust.

The Hastings Republican, the oldest, largest and strongest republican newspaper in central and western Nebraska, has gone over to the fusionists, badly. Hastings republicans are dazed. They are especially dejected that their leading organ in the home of their candidate for governor should desert them at this time.

GRAND RALLY—OCTOBER 20.  
W. D. Oldham and Gov. Foynter.

Everyone should read Bryan's anti-trust speech, delivered at St. Louis, September 15, 1900. If after reading this speech carefully you do not admire the man who has the ability to give you so many and varied reasons for supporting the fusion ticket and honest principles you are biased and prejudiced against him. W. J. Bryan has been before the people for several years and has been eagerly watched by critics for something that he might do or say that would injure him. He stands today before the American people with character unspotted, with clean hands and a pure mind.

Congressman William Neville, honest, upright and true to his trust, never was more heartily endorsed and appreciated than since his past year's duties so faithfully performed, and being found looking after the interests of the people of the Sixth Congressional District.

William J. Bryan does not need to be introduced or described to any American audience. The people know him—the farmers, the mechanics, the laborers, the merchants, the bankers, the editors, the lawyers. All classes of the community have studied the history of his life and public services. He has stood the public scrutiny as no other modern statesman has done, and the people are satisfied with what they have read and seen and are ready to cast their suffrages for him.—David B. Hill.

## FOR BRYAN AND DEMOCRACY.

The Philadelphia Times Reports Its Former Support of McKinley.

Democrats all over the country generally are gratified to learn that the Philadelphia Times, one of McKinley's strongest supporters in 1896, has declared for Bryan. The Times is an independent paper and says it is sorry it was for McKinley four years ago. In an editorial Oct. 1 it repents its course and adds:

All of the evils and the perils of the so called Republican policy have returned sevenfold, developed and extended till the very foundations of the government seem threatened. A false economic system has resulted in vast combinations of capital that throttle individual industry and hold control over all the functions of government, and the spokesman of the administration, a representative of one of these great trusts, is calling upon his fellow capitalists for contributions to buy another four years' license to rob, another four years' life for their inflated and false prosperity. The government thus controlled has found its fittest expression in schemes of military conquest, and the blood and treasure of the nation are poured out to subdue a distant people and rob them of those rights of liberty and independence that America has always claimed for all mankind.

Imperialism, militarism are the natural outgrowth of commercialism in politics, of the power of the few over the many, the elevation of money above manhood, with all the system of special privileges and corrupt control that the Republican party since the civil war has increasingly fostered.

The upholders of this system are themselves aware of its hollowness and are calling for aid from the money power to bolster it up for a time longer. The condition is one that the country must meet, and meet now, and the way to meet it is by a reassertion of the Democratic idea and the re-election of a Democratic president.

No one questions or can question the ability, the earnestness, the integrity of the Democratic candidates. For the rescue of all that has made America glorious in the past and that can make her strong in the future it is a duty to support their election.—Philadelphia Times.

## WORKING THE FARMER

Doubtful Rural Districts Are to Be Given Free Postal Delivery Until After Election.

Information from an official source has been received at Democratic headquarters in Chicago that the postoffice department at Washington, under orders from Mark Hanna, is making arrangements to make a 30 days' trial of rural postal delivery in all doubtful localities in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana—in fact, in all doubtful states. They hope in doing this to make the farmers believe the Republican party is doing much for them. This scheme is to be instituted in all doubtful localities early in October, while it is to be withdrawn in strong Republican localities.

That such is Hanna's latest "gold brick" scheme is borne out by a Washington report saying that the free delivery system was inaugurated last week in three or four close counties in Maryland and that it is to be extended to other close states. As soon as the election is held the rural carrier routes will be abolished and the farmers will continue to go to the post office for their mail.



Have you heard of the "full dinner pail?" Well, this is it. —New York World.

## FATTENED ON HUMAN MISERY.

Glance at Hanna's Record in His Dealings With Labor.

It is the fashion of partisan newspapers and of strenuous politicians of both parties to inveigh against Hanna merely as the representative of a fat-frying administration and as a thoroughly unscrupulous man.

He is more than this. Let the miners of Hanna's own subterranean hell in the Pittsburgh district stand forth and testify. Even before the Ohio senate had branded the word "Briber" on his brazen forehead his coal mine starvelings had written him down as a soulless brute.

In the years from 1882 to 1886 Hanna acquired many steamers and sailing vessels, which piled up and down the lakes, doing his bidding in a mad race for wealth. These vessels were manned by labor union crews. Hanna thought so much of these union sailors and was so deeply concerned in their welfare that he cut their wages from \$2.25 to \$1 per day, just one peg above starvation point, and practically disrupted their organization.

Leechlike, he has thrived on strikes and fattened on human misery. Those who pick and blast his dollars from coal veins hundreds of yards beneath the sand of his carriage wheels will give you many instances of his peculiar philanthropy toward labor and labor unions.

In 1893 Hanna sat with many coal operators in a meeting which precluded the throwing of thousands of miners out of work. When the meeting broke up, word was sent out to keep all miners at work day and night. In this way 2,000,000 tons of coal were stored for a future market.

Then began the philanthropic scheme of cutting and trimming and oppressing the miners in their coal fields, of plucking them at the bunko stores, of docking their wages, of keeping from them the mere pittance they worked for and of so starving and persecuting them that the gaunt, grimed worms of the earth turned at last with a snarl and struck at the heels of Hanna and his fellows.

Coal production was stopped at once. A coal famine set in. Its price went up, little by little, while the miners starved in their hovels, until it was \$2 a ton higher than it was before the strike.

Then out came the 2,000,000 tons reserved from Hanna and his gang, and a net profit of \$4,000,000 was the result. To the meantime many miners had died of sickness and starvation, homes had been disrupted and families ruined to enrich the Hanna pocket.

Come a bit farther down the line on the spur of this philanthropic vampire. You remember how Hanna in the campaign of 1896 promised all sorts of work not only to his own miners, but to the miners of the entire United States "in case McKinley was elected." When the miners hearkened unto his voice, and McKinley was elected. Then what does this "honest business gentleman" proceed to do? Almost before McKinley had warmed the presidential chair with his person this same Hanna notified his coal miners in the Youghiogheny district that he would cut them from 60 to 54 cents per ton, the lowest rate of wages ever paid in the Pittsburgh district. Do the miners think that this man will keep his promises now?

LANGDON SMITH.

The Hanna Boomerang. Dr. Hanna declares that "Bryan is making an ass of himself," he shows two things—first, that he has not been well brought up and, second, that he is getting the worst of the argument. It is hoped, however, that the doctor will continue to ornament the camp, and the Democratic campaign committee ought to make it an object for him to do so. Binghamton Leader.

## BRYAN'S WAY OPEN AND HONEST.

It Contrasts Strangely With McKinley's Policy of Shifty Evasion.

President McKinley says there is no such thing as "imperialism" in this country. Mark Hanna says there are no trusts.

Mr. Bryan has no difficulty in discovering imperialism or in putting his finger on trusts.

Imperialism in its essence is the government of others, just as democracy is self government. Mr. McKinley is today governing the Porto Ricans with their implied consent, but without giving them any voice in their own affairs or any share in ours. He is trying by means of military force to govern the Filipinos against their consent. Mr. Bryan says that this is imperialism. And unless words have lost their meaning and analogies have lost their force he is indubitably right.

While Mr. Hanna says there are no trusts Mr. Bryan goes into a community in his own state where the farmers are profiting temporarily by a starch trust and boldly tells them, "This is a monopoly, and all private monopolies are wrong." To angry cries of dissent from self interest he retorts to the corn growers: "You have already seen a distillery in your town closed down by the whisky trust. What is to prevent the Argo company from being closed down by the starch trust?"

This is Mr. Bryan's way—honest, fearless, undeviating from what he knows to be true and what he believes to be right.—New York World.

The only trust that any Republican in this country seems to know about is the ice trust, and the Republicans don't know much about that, for if they did they would know that every director is a Republican.—W. J. Bryan.

## THE SAME OLD GAME.

Republican Managers Revamp a Played Out Scheme.

"Void if Bryan is elected." That is the latest scheme being worked by the Republican managers through the administration organs. It is claimed that every contract now being made in the east contains such a clause.

In effect it is the same old game that was worked four years ago—the game of scare. Then the scheme was to frighten labor into the belief that if the Democratic party should be successful there would be no more work for the people who make their living by daily labor.

This year the idea is to frighten capital as well as labor. But the Republican managers are counting without their host in this. Hundreds, even thousands, of men who possess capital and are willing to invest it have enlisted in the cause of Democracy. They are not a bit frightened, it seems.

Four years ago the scheme worked on the laboring people of the east. This year it will work on neither the laboring people nor the capitalist.

Charles Sumner in the senate in 1863, speaking on "emancipation immediate," said, "Every consideration of humanity, religion, reason, common sense and history all demanded the instant cessation of an intolerable wrong without procrastination or delay." Mr. Sumner's appeal for the immediate freeing of the slave applies even more strongly to striking off the political fetters of the inhabitants of Porto Rico.—Robert E. Pattison.

### Trusts.

There is nothing to be said for the trusts which can begin to offset the objections against them. They are the outgrowth of an abominable system of favoritism called protection, and they carry out the idea of that doctrine—the enrichment of the few at the expense of the many.—Kansas City Star.

## CABINET FOR MR. BRYAN

It Is Fairly Well Known Whom He Would Not Have.

### JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Republican Papers Exercised Over the Possible Nominations by Mr. Bryan—They Would Differ Essentially in Character From the Selections of Mark Hanna.

The McKinley organs are busy constructing a cabinet for Mr. Bryan. Of course no one is in a position to speak authoritatively in this matter. No one knows just who he would have, but it is fairly well understood whom he would not have in his cabinet.

He would not have a secretary of state who would lick the boots of royalty.

He would not have a secretary of the treasury who would give to a coterie of national bankers the control of the public finances and free use of the public money.

He would not have an attorney general owned by the trusts.

He would not have a secretary of the interior dominated by land grabbing corporations.

He would not have a postmaster general who would conceal frauds that were perpetrated by Rathbone and Neely.

He would not have a secretary of the navy controlled by the armor plate trust.

He would not have a secretary of war controlled by the beef trust.

In this connection it may be remarked that the Republican newspapers are also exercised over another matter. They profess to be greatly alarmed owing to the fact that Mr. Bryan if elected might perhaps be called upon to appoint seven members of the supreme court.

It is well for the Republican papers to call the attention of the people to these supreme court nominations.

The people of America have many things to think about today. They have trusts, imperialism, municipal ownership, the Declaration of Independence versus commercial interests, and in addition to these they must make up their minds whether they prefer William J. Bryan or Mr. Hanna to name seven supreme court justices to interpret the United States constitution.

We believe that every intelligent laborer, whether he be the poorest laborer or the most prosperous merchant or manufacturer, would prefer that the supreme court justices should be named by Mr. Bryan rather than by Mr. Hanna. We don't believe that many voters, even in the Republican party, doubt that Mr. Hanna would be extremely influential if not omnipotent in the selection of the men who may succeed Justices Gray, Fuller, Shiras, Harlan, Brewer, Brown and White. Everybody knows the sort of men that Mr. Hanna would select if the choice were left to him, and everybody knows also what sort of men Mr. Bryan would select.

The supreme court of the United States is the greatest power for good or evil in the nation. Yet it is only, after all, the judgment and integrity of the men who select supreme court justices that the people have to rely upon.

There is no need to discuss the sort of men that Mr. Hanna would select for the supreme court. Even if he acted conscientiously it would be the worst possible thing for the country, since his view of the nation's welfare is based on the belief that courts and laws should tend to make the rich free from taxes and the trusts mightier.

Mr. Bryan would name for the supreme court—and every fair minded man knows it perfectly well—the ablest interpreters of constitutional law whom he could find. He would be guided solely by the desire to put upon the supreme bench men worthy of the highest judicial office in the world.

If such men should interpret the constitution so as to permit of an income tax—and we believe that they would—Mr. Bryan would undoubtedly be glad of it.

But it is impossible for a moment to think that he would ask in advance the opinion of any man whom he might appoint or accept any pledge. He would select the ablest available American jurists. He would certainly not select men who had spent their lives as paid legal clerks of trusts or corporations. He would select honorable American statesmen accustomed to look upon the constitution as the nation's great defender and not accustomed to look upon it as an obstacle to be overcome in the service of bribe giving trusts and monopolies.

If you want Bryan to nominate the justices of the supreme court, vote for Bryan.

If you want Hanna to nominate the justices of the supreme court, vote for McKinley.

The blacklist as now employed in some places enables the employer to place the employee under practical duress, for the skilled laborer loses his independence when the employer can not only discharge him, but prevent him securing any similar employment. The blacklist enables employers to secure, by mutual agreement, that control over the wage earners which a private monopoly exercises without contract.—From Bryan's Letter of Acceptance.

### Time to Think.

According to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor, the Republican congress will repeal the Chinese exclusion act and permit the Boxers to flood the country with cheap labor. This while 150,000 miners are starving in the United States. Workingmen of America, what do you think of the proposition? Is it not time to stop and think?

Everybody except Mr. Hanna knows that we have trusts. Mr. Hanna made a speech the other day in which he said he did not believe there was a trust in the United States. I think he is the only man in the country who says he does not know there is a trust, and my own opinion is that there is not a man in the country who knows more about the trusts than he does or knows better their names and places of doing business.—W. J. Bryan.

## FIGHTING UPON THE DEFENSIVE.

Gloom Prevails in Republican Ranks, and They Are on the Run.

Two features of the present campaign deserve special notice. First, the defections from the Republican party can no longer be denominated "local incidents." The tide Bryanward sweeps over the nation and Democracy counts its recruits in states all the way from Maine to Oregon. Early in the campaign the Republicans asserted and perhaps even believed that large numbers were deserting their party as a result of local conditions. They now concede their mistake; acknowledge the defection to be national, the dissatisfaction general, and are using every expedient that can occur to the minds of desperate politicians in order to keep the followers of their party in line.

The second feature of the campaign that deserves special notice is this, that the Republicans now acknowledge themselves to be fighting upon the defensive. They no longer, under the command of their party generals, make bold attacks upon Democratic positions. Offensive warfare has become with them an impossibility. They are fighting strictly on the defensive, and they acknowledge it.

The Chicago Tribune in headlining the speech of Senator Beveridge recently delivered at the Auditorium, Chicago, used the following as a sub-head, "He Defends Policy of War," and the speech was in very truth an elaborate defense of the foreign policy of the present administration. Senator Beveridge was kept so busy during his entire speech "explaining" the actions of McKinley's administration that he did not find time during his entire oration to attack a single principle of the Democratic platform. Every practical politician appreciates the disadvantage of fighting upon the defensive. It is a condition calculated to fill the managers of McKinley's campaign with gloom and to cause the Democratic leaders to become jubilant over the prospects of a victory that is every day becoming more and more a matter of certainty.

The Republicans are upon the defensive. More than that, they are on the run.

Rights never conflict; duties never clash. Can it be our duty to usurp political rights which belong to others? Can it be our duty to kill those who, following the example of our forefathers, love liberty well enough to fight for it?—W. J. Bryan.

### Empire or Democracy.

Empire is the strut of the international bully; true democracy is the rule of conduct of a free people whereby their individual and concerted action may make to the common good. The duty which such a people owes to the outside world is not the logic of force or the beneficence of national vanity, but the impressment of political truth by the peaceful means of fact, argument and example.—Buffalo Times.

The so called Republican party of Hanna and McKinley defends the trusts for the same reason that a man defends his life. The Republican party without the trusts would be dead. They give it vitality; they animate its movements; they furnish it with the wealth to corrupt legislatures and carry on costly campaigns of bribery and intimidation.—New York News.

### Betting Odds Lessen.

The odds on McKinley are growing less. When the campaign opened, bets were made at 5 to 1. A week ago the odds were generally 2½ to 1. On Friday and Saturday 2 to 1 was the figure. The New York betting is referred to. There does not seem to be a great deal of money anywhere else that is seeking investment on the political race.—Savannah News.

Mr. McKinley has been president for three and a half years, and during that time more trusts have been organized than in all the previous history of the country, and he has allowed three sessions of congress to convene and adjourn and he did not recommend a specific measure for the destruction of the trusts.—W. J. Bryan.

### Belittling the Deluge.

McKinley, Roosevelt and Hanna all pooh pooh the idea of there being trusts. Perhaps they will do the same as to such protests as are now being made against the coal trust in Pennsylvania. They may prove like the fellow who belittled the deluge when it set in and said it was merely a shower.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Between government by starvation and government by injunction the American workingman knows what it is to be ground between the upper and nether millstones.—New York News.

### Only Good Men on Guard.

The Anaconda Standard brightly suggests that if Mr. McKinley will wait a few months longer Mr. Bryan will appoint him to the arbitration commission himself, but he should not rely on it. Mr. Bryan will put only true friends of the republic on guard.—Cincinnati Enquirer.